# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

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MINES IN FOREST AREAS
Singh Shri Ratan

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some areas in the country, particularly some districts of Rajasthan have been included in the forest reserves whereas mining activities were being carried out in these areas earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether discontinuation of production in these mines due to there inclusion in forest reserves has led to unemployment and standstill in the developmental works in these areas;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry of Mines has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Environment and Forests; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. As per available information, the State Government of Rajasthan has declared an area of 5242.76 hectares as protected forest area in Kaman and Deeg tehsil of Bharatpur District. Subsequently, the State Government has ordered premature termination of seven mining leases over an area of 277.85 hectares. It is estimated that this premature termination of mining leases has led to unemployment of 66 workers.

(d): The State Government has taken the decision in terms of provision of Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

(e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.